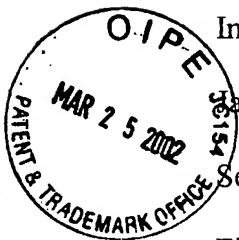


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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly enter the following amended paragraph at page 1, of the specification, immediately following the heading "Related Applications", as follows:

This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/347,283, titled, "Knowledge Server," filed January 14, 2002, which is hereby incorporated by reference. This application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/401,581, filed September 22, 1999, which is also hereby incorporated by reference.

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